AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing an improved interface to a caller during the initiation of a VoIP call comprising:

receiving~~placing~~, ~~by~~ from the caller, a request for information regarding a party to be called;

returning a URL responsive to said request, wherein said act of returning said URL comprises:

transmitting the URL to a mapping service utilizing a protocol similar to DNS;

displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL;

receiving a selection of ~~selecting~~ at least one of said one or more connection options;

providing said URL to a protocol server;

placing a call responsive to said receiving at least one selected connection options by entering a phone number;

routing the entered phone number to the protocol server; and

routing a session request corresponding to said one or more connection options to the protocol server.

2-5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the act of routing said phone number from said protocol server to a said mapping service.

7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (Cancelled)

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the act of providing said URL by said protocol server to an originating phone.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said act of displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL further includes the act of accessing said URL through a protocol server.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said act of displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL further includes the act of accessing a web page corresponding to said URL.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more connection options are encoded using SIP.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's identity.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's phone number.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's location.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's schedule.

17.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said one or more connection options are modified by group scheduling software to correspond to a particular user's schedule.

18.   (Cancelled)

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the act of routing said session request by said protocol server to ~~a~~ the mapping service.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the act of executing said selected connection option.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 20, further including the act of returning an appropriate phone number to said caller by a protocol server.

22.   (Original) The method of claim 21, further including the act of initiating a call by said protocol server, said call corresponding to said selected connection option.

23.   (Currently Amended) A device for providing an improved interface to a caller during the initiation of a VoIP call comprising:

   means for receiving~~placing~~, ~~by~~ from the caller, a request for information regarding a party to be called;

   means for returning a URL responsive to said request, wherein said means of returning said URL comprises:

      requesting the URL from a mapping service utilizing a protocol similar to DNS;

means for displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL;

means for receiving a selection of ~~selecting~~ at least one of said one or more connection options;

means for providing said URL to a protocol server;

means for placing a call responsive to said receiving at least one selected connection options by entering a phone number;

means for routing the entered phone number to the protocol server; and

means for routing a session request corresponding to said one or more connection options to the protocol server.

24-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 3, further including means for routing said phone number from said protocol server to ~~a~~ said mapping service.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, further including means for providing said URL by said protocol server to an originating phone.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, further including means for accessing said URL through the protocol server.

33. (Original) The device of claim 23, further includes means for accessing a web page corresponding to said URL.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options are encoded using SIP.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's identity.

36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's phone number.

37. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's location.

38.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's schedule.

39.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, wherein said one or more connection options are modified by group scheduling software to correspond to a particular user's schedule.

40.   (Cancelled)

41.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, further including the act of routing said session request by said protocol server to a mapping service.

42.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 23, further including means for executing said selected connection option.

43.   (Original) The device of claim 42, further including means for returning an appropriate phone number to said caller by a protocol server.

44.   (Original) The device of claim 43, further including means for a call by said protocol server, said call corresponding to said selected connection option.

45. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for providing an improved VoIP call initiation interface, said method comprising:

~~placing~~receiving, ~~by~~from the caller, a request for information regarding a party to be called;

returning a URL responsive to said request<u>, wherein said act of returning said URL comprises:</u>

<u>requesting the URL from a mapping service utilizing a protocol similar to DNS;</u>

displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL;

selecting at least one of said one or more connection options;

providing said URL to a protocol server;

placing a call responsive to said <u>receiving</u> at least one selected connection options by entering a phone number;

routing the entered phone number to the protocol server; and

routing a session request corresponding to said one or more connection options to the protocol server.

46-49. (Cancelled)

50.   (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5, further including the act of routing said phone number from said protocol server to ~~a~~ said mapping service.

51.   (Cancelled)

52.   (Cancelled)

53.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, further including the act of providing said URL by said protocol server to an originating phone.

54.   (Original) The device of claim 45, wherein said act of displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL further includes the act of accessing said URL through a protocol server.

55.   (Original) The device of claim 45, wherein said act of displaying to said caller one or more connection options corresponding to said URL further includes the act of accessing a web page corresponding to said URL.

56.   (Original) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options are encoded using SIP.

57. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's identity.

58. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's phone number.

59. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's location.

60. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options correspond to a user's schedule.

61. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein said one or more connection options are modified by group scheduling software to correspond to a particular user's schedule.

62. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, wherein the act of placing a call responsive to said one or more connection options chosen by said caller further includes the act of routing a session request corresponding to said connection option to a protocol server.

63.   (Original) The device of claim 62, further including the act of routing said session request by said protocol server to a mapping service.

64.   (Previously Presented) The device of claim 45, further including the act of executing said selected connection option.

65.   (Original) The device of claim 64, further including the act of returning an appropriate phone number to said caller by a protocol server.

66.   (Original) The device of claim 65, further including the act of initiating a call by said protocol server, said call corresponding to said selected connection option.

67-87. (Cancelled)